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1. that 57 workers from the Bauunion Brandenburg, were employed at Schoenefeld airfield on 15 June 1953.

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2. On 16 June, air activity was conducted on the usual level at the field. On 17 June, source determined that the number of aircraft was increased. The new planes had probably arrived during the night. On and after 17 June,

3. Air activity by the Soviet, Polish and Czech civil airlines followed their schedules even during the days of the June riots.

4. During the disturbances in mid-June, soldiers at the field were on alert. They checked the German personnel more strictly than previously and, apparently, were instructed not to speak to Germans. They were slightly nervous and eager to learn details about the occurrences in Berlin.

5. The parachute insignia was previously observed only with officers and NCOs, who wore it on the left breast and in line with other decorations. It has never been observed to have been worn by EH, although it is definitely known that there are parachutists among them.

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25X1A 1. [] Comment. The workers were probably employed on the circular taxiway.

25X1A 2. [] Comment. Schoenaefeld airfield which is used by commercial planes is occupied by a transport regiment of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army equipped with about 30 Il-2s. An air transport exercise was held between Brandis and Erfurt-Bindersleben airfields between 19 June and 14 July 1953. For this purpose, about 32 Il-2s and some Il-12s with one cargo glider each were transferred to Brandis airfield on 19 June. This unit probably came from outside East Germany. The present report does not indicate that the transport regiment from Schoenaefeld airfield was involved in the air landing exercise, although this is assumed. Another usually reliable source observed aircraft of the transport regiment from Schoenaefeld at Brandis airfield on 9 and 11 July 1953.

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